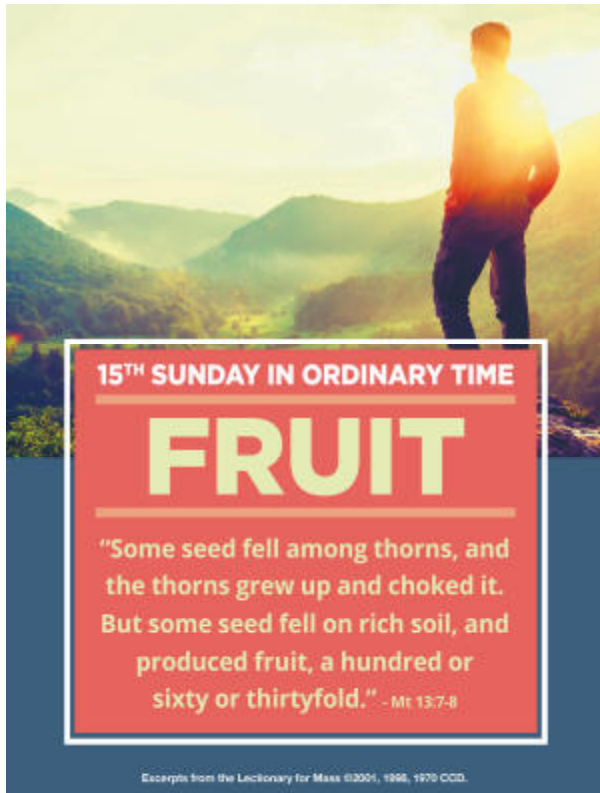


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July 12, 2020



Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work

that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

Ordinary Mass Schedule

Please look inside bulletin for possible seasonal changes.

Daily Mass: Weds., Thurs. Fri. & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour: Tuesday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Confession:

Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm.

First Friday and Saturdays of the month
following morning Mass.

Every Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm.

Rosary : After each Mass

Parish Directory

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Mission Statement

St. Aloysius is a friendly parish with a sense of family. Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ to pray and worship, we serve one another with understanding and compassion. Our mission is to share, live and witness the Gospel, as we celebrate the sacraments and practice the works of Christian service, education, justice and peace. We support a vision for growth rooted in the belief that all things are possible when trusting in God.



Frances Massineo, Helen Thomas, Cathy Mulligan, Abigail Kay Zettle-moyer, Andrew Hailo, Fr. John Currin, Dennis Jacobs, Nellie Chadwick, Chuck Shonta, Laura Hager, Steve Buck, Bernie Roberts, Irene Bergeson, Connie Havens, Retta Matt, Christal Hailo, Roseann Farn-strom, Shirley Parmlee, Mark Golem-biewski, David Buck, Rob McLachlan, Brad Newby, Bonnie Wysocki, Jim Caczor

Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering.

Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To add someone to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 14, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For the religious ministering within the Archdiocese of Detroit

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For the priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For † Marian Hamel req. by family

First Friday, July 17, 2020

St. Thomas

9:00 am For † Lucille and Paul Beltramo req. by family

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For † Cle Roberts req. by Marianne Curran

Fifteenth Sunday Anticipatory Mass

5:00 pm For The Parishioners of St. Aloysius

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For † Glenn and lone Walter req. by Gerry and Nancy Gomes

11:00 am For † Cle Roberts req. by Mark and Candy Lewkowicz

He Lights My Way

Jesus lights the way for me
As I travel the pathway of life;
From the day I let Him in my heart.

He has brought me through the pain and strife.

In places that before seemed dark,
His light has brightened my way.

I feel His presence in my heart,
And I see His guidance every day.

He guides me through clouds of sorrow,

When the storms of life seem dim;
I never have to stumble or fall,

Knowing I can depend on Him.
You, too, can walk in brightness,

By receiving this wonderful friend;

He gives us real joy and assurance,

Offers us peace that will never end.

-France Culp Wolfe



Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**Lay Minister Schedule
July 18/19, 2020**

Altar Server

5:00 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am

Reader

5:00 pm Paul
9:00 am Nancy
11:00 am Jack

EMHC

5:00 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am



ATTENTION

Our St. Vincent DePaul box will be moved to the parking lot across from the church. It will be located next to the paper recycling dumpsters.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Why Do Catholics Baptize Babies?

Question:

Why do Catholics baptize babies?

Answer:

For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who "do nothing" — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God's initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life's journey. Salvation isn't something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

Additionally, in the Old Covenant the sign of entrance into that covenant was circumcision which, under normal conditions, was performed at infancy. Therefore it follows that the sign of entrance into the New Covenant (Baptism) should also, under normal conditions, be preformed at infancy.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270).

This Coming Week

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Thursday, July 16, 2020

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotions

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting

Friday, July 17, 2020

9:00 am Mass

Saturday, July 18, 2020

9:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 19, 2020

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Please Note:

Confessions are being heard privately, to schedule an appointment, please call the parish office. Because we are on limited or summer hours, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we can.

OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

July 5, 2020

Envelopes Issued:	190
Envelopes Used:	62
Budget:	\$3,700.00
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and Appreciated.

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Your donation will appear in our LDP savings account. Thank you in advance for supporting your church family,

The Lord's Prayer

(In Memory of Joseph and Verna Kotlarek)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

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